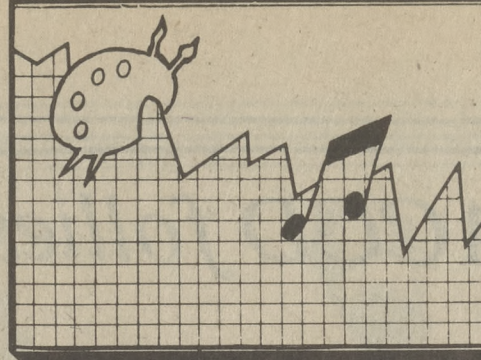




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Daylight savings time ends  
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## 100 faculty sign letter to oust district head

### Board to receive demands Monday

By JOHN KRIL, Assoc. News Editor

Fed up with the perceived mismanagement of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), more than 100 Valley faculty have signed an open letter to the Board of Trustees asking for the removal of Chancellor Leslie Koltai.

Beginning "Leslie Koltai has bankrupted this district financially and educationally," the letter goes on to list grievances against the chancellor.

"He has caused the budget of the district to double in the last ten years...has caused great harm by cutting classes students need to graduate or transfer...has created a negative image for the LACC's...he and his staff have misled the Board of Trustees."

The letter ends by admonishing the trustees, stating that a token reduction of the administration budget is not enough.

"To redeem your own reputation, the Trustees must remove the chancellor and vice-chancellors and must

move the district offices to district property."

Dr. Leslie Boston, professor of English at Valley, initiated the protest two weeks ago with Burton Siskun, professor of Anthropology. Boston said the collected protest letters will be sent to the Board of Trustees next week.

"What I've been telling people on campus is 'If you have to think about it, don't sign it,'" said the irate Boston. "Far too much money is spent downtown that should be spent on campus. Yes, I am blaming the chancellor, but the trustees are ultimately to blame because they're letting him do it all."

After having personally written to Board President Monroe Richman, trustees Harold Garvin and Arthur Bronson about impending protest mail-ins in a previous letter, Boston said only one of the trustees bothered to reply and refused to say which one.

In his letter, Boston stated that he did not think that the trustees appreciated the growing sentiment of dissatisfaction among faculty with the district's management woes.

"Downtown (administration headquarters) is like a painful boil on one's writing hand," he wrote.

"There are very few moments one can forget it is there...the many high salaries downtown is the constant squeezing of that boil...the parking costs (which we are

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## Misplaced evidence causes new scandal at CalSACC

By RONN CROWDER, Editor-in-Chief

The "misused funds" scandal at Region 7 of the California Students Association of Community Colleges (CalSACC) developed into a "missing evidence" situation this week.

According to Jacob Baca, former president of Region 7, cancelled checks which document the misuse of CalSACC funds by Chauncey J. Medberry, IV and Michael Higby are in the possession of Shawn Ulibarri, former executive vice president of the region.

In a telephone conversation, Ulibarri said that he would forward the checks to Baca "...as soon as I find them."

Ulibarri refused to say exactly where the checks were stored. He

offered no reason for the delay.

Although the *Star* tried repeatedly to contact Medberry and Higby, neither was available for comments.

Frank Tullo, president of Valley's ASU, was concerned that the situation was getting out of control.

"Anyone who steals should be prosecuted," said Tullo. "I want to find out where the checks are. I want to end this thing now."

Tullo emphasized the importance of having the matter handled properly. He said that he would check into it personally.

In addition to being the keeper of the cancelled checks, Ulibarri was reported to be Medberry's roommate and good friend.

Sources at Region 7 and Valley's ASU confirmed this as being true, and added that the two had shared living quarters for some time. At one time, Higby also reportedly joined the group as a room-mate.

Baca, acting under instructions from the Region 7 Executive Board, carried some evidence to the West Hollywood office of the L.A. County Sheriff's Department last Thursday. He was told that the cancelled checks would be necessary before a case could be made.

Baca said he had asked Ulibarri to get the checks, but he had not yet received them. He said he saw no reason for the delay.

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STEPS TO KNOWLEDGE—Chris Ventress studies atop the steps of the administration building as the afternoon fades into twilight. Many students take advantage of the quiet campus atmosphere to study in the open air.

JOHN KRIL / Valley Star

## Survival Day petition signed by 8,000; Sacramento next stop on crusade

By STEPHANIE A. STASSEL, Entertainment Editor

After collecting more than 8,000 signatures on a petition addressed to Gov. George Deukmejian, Associated Student Union (ASU) President Frank Tullo said that last Thursday's Community College Survival Day was "very successful."

Tullo's goal for signatures on the petition was 10,000.

"It's fortunate that we got as many signature as we did," he said.

The petition calls for the governor's help in saving the community colleges. Tullo said it was an attempt to show the governor the frustration felt by community college students.

Buttons were made, balloons were hung in trees, and even a lamb was brought to Monarch Square last Thursday to accentuate event's theme: "Community Colleges are not sacrificial lambs."

A wide scroll, accommodating enough room for messages, and a petition on regular-sized paper were featured at Survival Day.

Signatures on the scroll totalled almost 1,500, and those on the petition totalled 8,102.

Tullo said that ASU representatives have checked the scroll

and the petition to ensure that the count did not include duplicate signatures.

The messages on the scroll included cries for help: "Do you have memories of your college days? We want some, too!"; "Where are my children going to go to college?"; and "We need the chance! Let us learn!"

Tomorrow morning, Tullo and ASU Treasurer Dorothy Kaplan will travel to Sacramento to be spotlighted at a 9 a.m. press conference. They plan to roll Valley's petition down the Capitol steps.

Pierce College ASO President Liz Ziemba, Public Business Chairperson of Pierce's Business Club Mary Burger, and President of Pierce's Business Club Julee Debus, will accompany Valley's ASU representatives.

According to Kaplan, Debus should receive credit for the idea of "Survival Day", since the idea was originally hers. Debus collected more than 7,000 signatures a similar petition at Pierce two weeks ago.

In addition to the press conference, the group has planned meetings with State Senator Gary Hart (D-Woodland Hills),

Assemblyman Richard Katz (D-Sepulveda), and William Cunningham, a member of the governor's education staff.

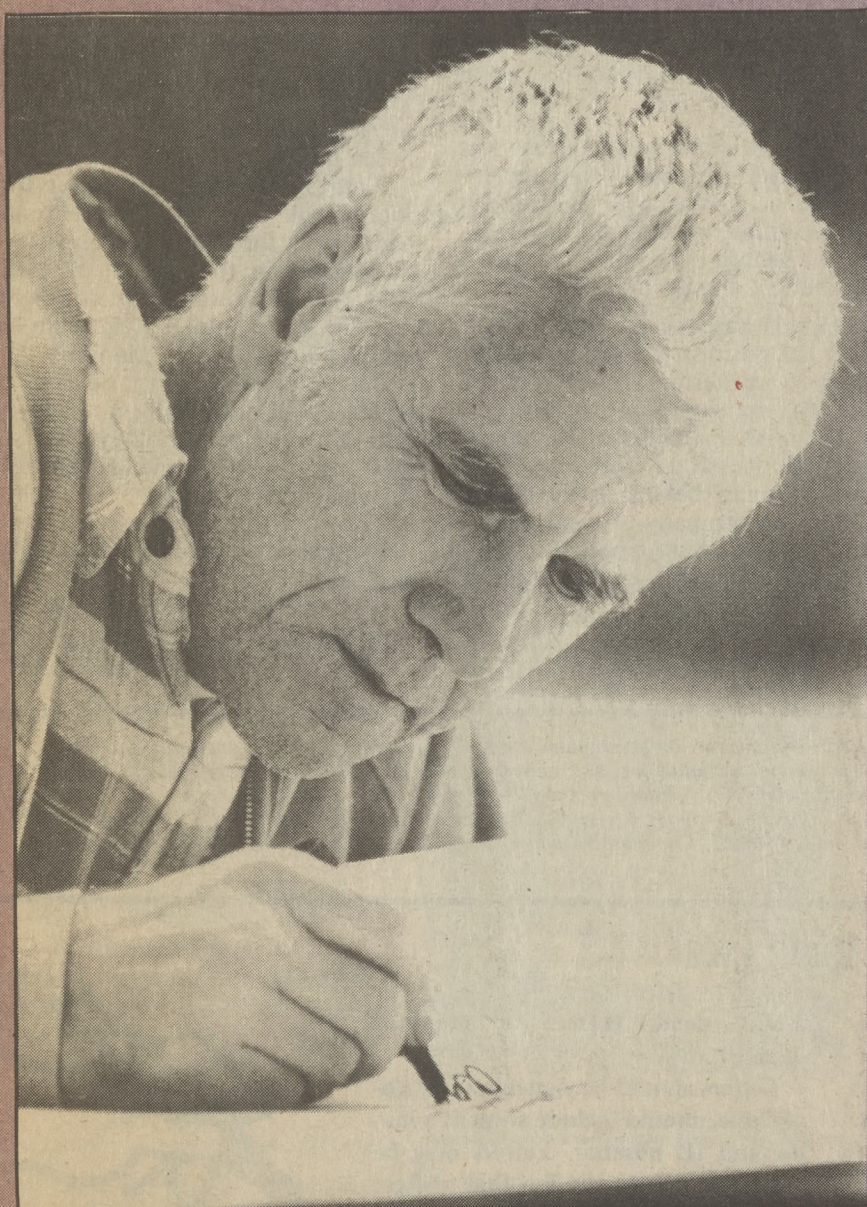
Tullo hopes that the group will see Deukmejian, since Cunningham's office is only three doors away from the governor's.

There is a good chance, according to Tullo, that the ASU

representatives will meet with the recently appointed Chancellor of California Community Colleges Dr. Joshua Smith.

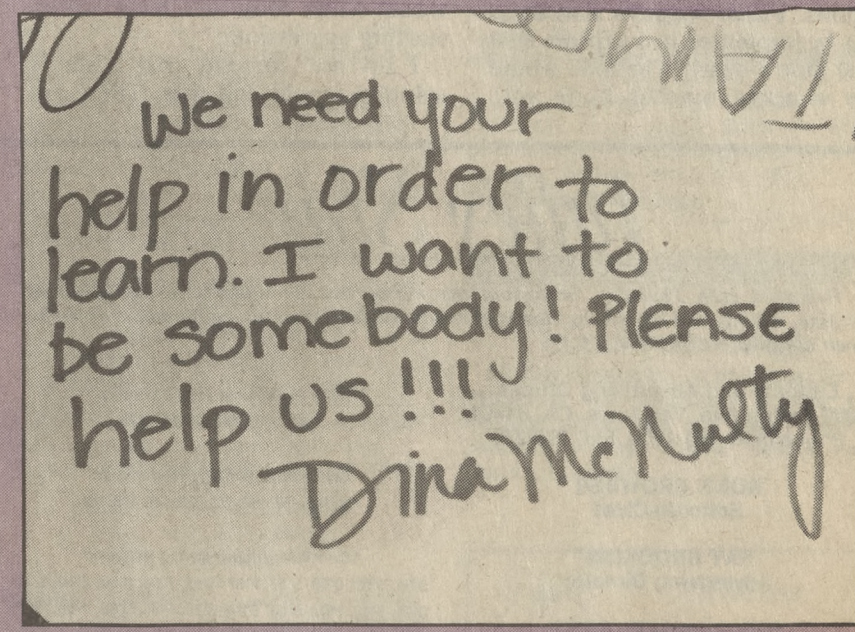
The trip to Sacramento was originally slated for today, but Cunningham was unable to make his appointment and suggested

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SIGNING ON—Gardner Gene Blossom adds his signature to the more than 1,500 students who endorsed the plea to Governor George Deukmejian last Thursday in Monarch Square.



RICO MANDEL / Valley Star

POPULAR PLEA—Just one of many ardent requests to the governor for support of the LACCD.

## Future LACCD follies foreseen

By RONN CROWDER, Editor-in-Chief

Los Angeles Megalopolis, 1996. It ranges from the Mexican border on the south to well past what used to be Santa Barbara in the north. Southern California is now solid city from the ocean to the Arizona state line.

Unfortunately, downtown L.A. was destroyed in a huge explosion in 1993. It seems they built it over a massive methane gas deposit. The 850-foot-deep crater filled with water from an underground river and became the Lake L.A. Memorial.

One of the few buildings left standing on the shore of the 10,000-acre lake was the Hotel Bonaventure.

At the center of the giant city lies the L.A. Megalopolis College (LAMC). With a half million students on one huge campus near the lakeshore, the school is the only surviving member of the L.A. Community College District (LACCD).

The district is still run by a seven-member board of trustees.

The advent of the longevity drug in 1989 extended the political careers of all LACCD trustees who were in office in 1985. Wallace Albertson was recently elected to her 16th term as board president.

"Although all the functions of the old district were centralized and automated in 1990," said Albertson at her inauguration, "we feel that seven trustees are as useful now as they were in 1985."

While the Megalopolis Council debated the completion of the long-awaited Metro Rail System, the LACCD board of trustees was occupied with the district's budget for 1996-97.

With a mere \$435 billion deficit, board members could not understand why everyone was so upset. After all, they had been operating this way for well over 50 years. Why should they change now?

The board unanimously approved salary increases for themselves, district Chancellor Leslie Koltai, and other high district officials.

The board also approved plans to move the district offices into the old Hotel Bonaventure.

"It's the only place large enough to house the 250,000 administrators we have to run the district," said Koltai, whose new salary was reported to be in the high 12-figures.

Susan Dudasik, leader of the student activist group, Middle-Aged Yuppies for Better Education (MAYBE), organized a protest against the cancellation of all academic classes from the LAMC schedule.

"This trend started in 1984, when the district began this trend," said Dudasik. "Now, the only class offered is Obedience 101."

In a related development, district officials announced the dismissal of the four remaining live members of the LAMC faculty. They were replaced

by the new MT-9000 Instructobots, designed to teach any subject programmed into them.

District spokesman Norm Schneider said that the Instructobots were "more dependable, consistent, and they never strike for more money."

Students at the mega-school were nonplussed about the entire situation. The president of the campus Apathy Club, who didn't care to give his name, was the only student who spoke out. "We don't care what the district does," he said.

Vice Chancellor Kenneth Washington, having returned from a 10-year assignment in Siberia, was excited over the possibilities of the upcoming football season. According to his figures, the district would realize an extra \$300 billion from the state by carrying the football program another year.

When asked why the athletes never attended classes, Washington responded in a decisive, authoritative tone.

"We no longer worry if the athletes are receiving an education," said the vice chancellor. "They are all robots. Please don't tell the state."

Head football coach Chuck Ferrero denied Washington's claim.

"These guys may be mindless, but they certainly aren't robots," said the coach.

Ferrero was then called away to solder a blown circuit for an injured linebacker. He complained about the loss of the athletic electricians, who were laid off only a week before.

"How can we field a team when we can't even get spare parts?" queried the angry coach.

Ferrero added that 94 percent of the athletes would earn Master's Degrees and 32 percent, Ph.D's.

LACCD Trustee Monroe Richman visited the LAMC campus today to warn students about dropping out of the only class that was offered.

"If we have too many dropouts," said the trustee, "we may not offer the class again. Then we will have no classes."

Richman said he could not understand why students were hostile toward him. After all, he was only human, except for a few bionic parts.

He said, "We've been failing at this job since 1978. It's not our fault. It was Proposition 13."

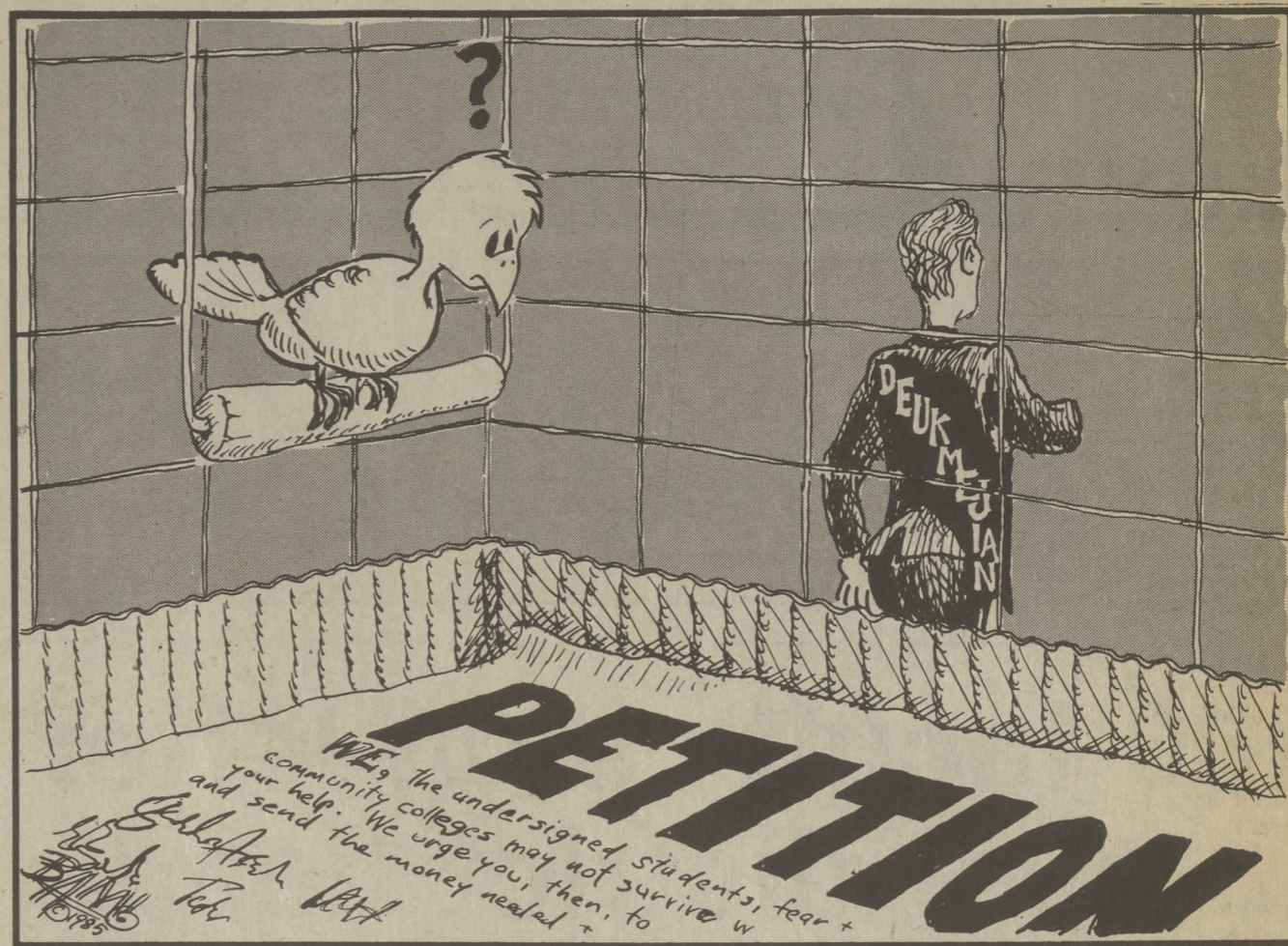
"No one ever questioned our abilities before now. My feelings are hurt. Just wait until next year," said Richman. "Those students will pay for this. We'll just cancel their only class. Just see where that leaves them."

Ahh, 1996! In the smog-bound west, the sun is setting, but nobody can see it. Nobody even notices it has set. Day or night, the light never changes at LAMC. Nothing ever changes. Things could go on like this forever.



TAJ MAHAL 1996—The new home of the LACCD administration overlooks the newly formed Lake Los Angeles. 250,000 administrators work here.

MARK JOHNSON



## STAR EDITORIALS

### Let's sack CalSACC

The recent "misuse of funds" scandal at the California Students Association of Community Colleges (CalSACC) has prompted the LAVC Associated Student Union (ASU) to temporarily withhold its membership dues while it waits to see how CalSACC will resolve the problem.

We applaud this action and encourage the ASU to withdraw from the organization permanently.

Although it may be true that an organization of a similar nature could be a benefit to community college students, it is unfortunate and disgraceful that CalSACC has violated the trust of students.

CalSACC was founded 11 months ago to represent students of all 106 community colleges throughout California. The expressed goals of the organization are: to lobby the state legislature "in the best interest of (community college) students," to have an impact on legislation, and to collect information for students.

CalSACC's state budget is \$3,000 and its regional budget is a mere \$641. How much lobbying can be done with these amounts after paying for various supplies, telephones, and travel expenses to and from Sacramento and other cities where meetings are held?

Why isn't CalSACC a registered lobby group? According to the State Assembly Education Committee, CalSACC is not on their books. The organization would be more believable if it were registered.

Monitoring CalSACC would then be made easier, since its actions and lobbying appearances would be recorded in the Educational Committee's books.

The scandal in which two CalSACC Region 7 officials, Chauncey J. Medberry IV and Michael Higby, misappropriated more than \$600 demonstrates CalSACC's lack of responsibility to the students it represents.

According to Jacob Baca, president of CalSACC Region 7 and newly elected state president, CalSACC now has a finance code, by-laws and a code of procedures which will now prevent any further misappropriation of funds.

These codes and procedures should have been adopted immediately upon formation of the organization.

Idealistically, the goals of the organization are worthy, but realistically, CalSACC has been ineffective. Valley's ASU should withhold all support from this unworthy organization.

## Making war a personal problem

By TERRI MODJALLAL, Opinion Editor

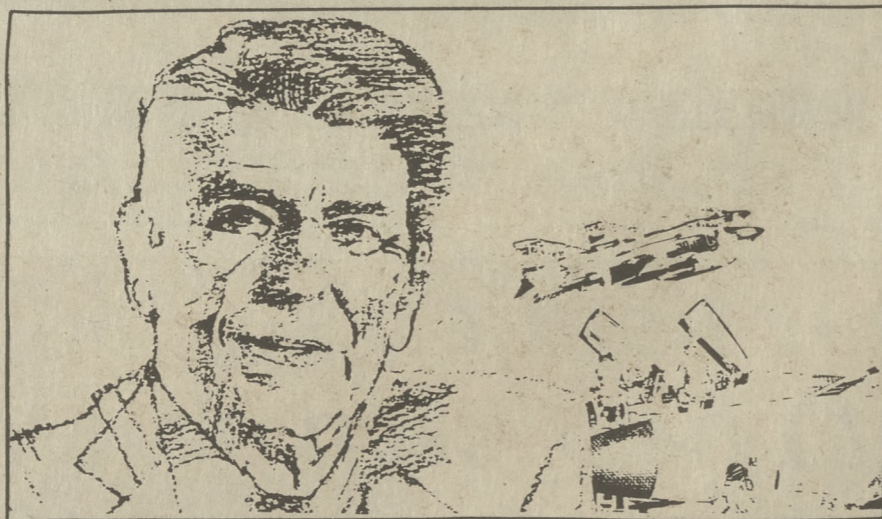
When leaders discuss war, it becomes a political game. One power stacks its pawns against another's to determine which is the stronger country. In terms of a nuclear war, it is a question of which country has a more impressive supply of atomic weapons.

War is mass murder. It is emotional and physical torture, leading to utter destruction. But those in power are so far removed from the realities of war that to them it is reduced to politics.

All the President needs to do is issue a command, and the murder begins. There is nothing to directly link his action to death, and he need not see the consequences until much later.

Roger Fisher, in *The Final Epidemic*, introduces an idea that would bring the President face to face with the death caused by war.

The Chief Executive is always accompanied by an aide carrying the codes needed to fire nuclear weapons. Fisher suggests that these codes be implanted in a capsule next to the aide's heart. The aide would carry a heavy butcher knife with



him as he accompanied the President.

The only way for him to then fire the nuclear weapon would be to first kill the aide with his own hands and remove the codes.

If only this situation existed for every possible war! Between "civilized" countries, war could become extinct. I cannot see Reagan raising that butcher knife. Nations would think long and hard before starting aggression.

I do not contend that Fisher's solution would end war. There are

too many leaders in this world who have no reservations when it comes to murder, whether they preside over reputed terrorist countries or not.

The solution is valuable because it advocates bringing one in power to the level of the common man. The only way to fully understand a different position is to look at it from a different viewpoint.

If only rulers would approach situations with this in mind. War would no longer be a game.

## Letters to the Star

### Trustee responds

Editor,

Regarding your editorial in the October 3 *Star*, I invite you to consider a few points that were not mentioned.

As an award-winning paper, you command a great deal of respect throughout the district from other student papers, as well as the student population.

On these grounds, how do you justify making sexist remarks about how I am treated by other trustees?

I ask you one question: if this year's Student Trustee were male, would you have chosen to make that comment? I sincerely doubt it.

What a pity that a paper such as yours would stoop to making such a sexist, as well as paternalistic, remark.

Regarding the loan, you state that I presented the resolution (I never stated it passed unanimously) in order to win the trustees' approval. Wrong! I did it because I have chosen to deal with the trustees on a businesslike level.

There was no risk, interest would have been charged, and although

the loan cannot be offered (the one-year term would not have served any immediate need), with the increase in student parking fees, amongst other cutbacks, how difficult is it to understand the advantage that maintaining a businesslike relation could give us?

Prior to my election, and even now, I maintain that the best way my position can be utilized is by communicating the needs of students as a student, not as a political malcontent.

It does students no good if we student trustees cannot attain the independence to deal with issues head-on or initiate constructive programs for the benefit of the students whom the student trustee represents.

On this basis, I ask you to consider the position of student trustee prior to my term. The only effort that was made to gain the attention of the other members of the board was the occasional throwing of a rock, usually behind their backs, and in the company of professional students who have politics, as opposed to education, on their minds.

Suzanne Spillane,  
Student Trustee

### Spider study

Editor,

There is a class on this campus that no one has to pay \$5 for, and that is entomology. All over Valley's campus spiders abound.

There are four black widows living outside the east entrance of the music building.

Many Sheetweb Weavers are seen resting in the ivy outside the women's gym, and the lovely orb weavers spin their lace fashions between bushes and branches.

I am a bit concerned about the four black widows, especially at night when the spiders come out to sit actively in the middle of their webs and an unwary student might stand there to smoke a cigarette or accidentally walk into the web.

But it is exciting to observe a black widow, especially in Valley's free course in entomology. It's so nice to have knowledge at my fingertips at no cost.

There are still free classes around. All you have to do is open your eyes and look.

Jody Lawson,  
LAVC Music Student

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### LETTERS

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make racial, ethnic, or religious denigrations.

Letters should be signed and, if applicable, should include student's major and ID number. Letters may be presented in the Valley Star office, Business Journalism 114, by Monday for the following Thursday.



## Perspective

This is another in a series of profiles featuring some of the people who affect the quality of life at Valley College

# Learning to teach at Valley

By BONNIE McDONELL, Staff Writer

While most students at Valley are totally engulfed with general education classes and getting A.A. degrees, others like Romana Campos are working on their master's degrees, doing special student-teaching assignments.

As part of her final semester at CSUN, Campos is working toward her master's degree in Public Health by supervising a field training teaching assignment with Associate Professor of Health Education, Lou Albert. She teaches in health education classes focused on such topics as world hunger and international health.

"Her rapport and willingness to be resourceful with students and staff is quite impressive," said Albert. "She's very sincere

about wanting to help people here and in other countries."

"I feel that health is a right and a responsibility of state and individuals, and should not be a privilege," said Campos. "Everyone, despite race, income, or sex, is entitled to live a life with health and dignity."

Campos recently returned from a one-year assignment in Ecuador as a Health Educator for a private voluntary international organization called "Concern."

"I've always been interested in Latin America, being that I'm of Latin descent," said Campos, "and have been raised with the notion that if I can help out, I should."

She became aware of poor

health conditions there when she visited refugee camps in 1982. She said she heard many horror stories from people who were displaced by the war.

Knowing many friends in the "Concern" program helped her get involved. She has plans to return to Latin America again—possibly in January.

As a health educator, Campos stresses that health is an outcome of powerful social, mental, and physical factors, and a reflection of broader issues, such as economic-political injustice and education.

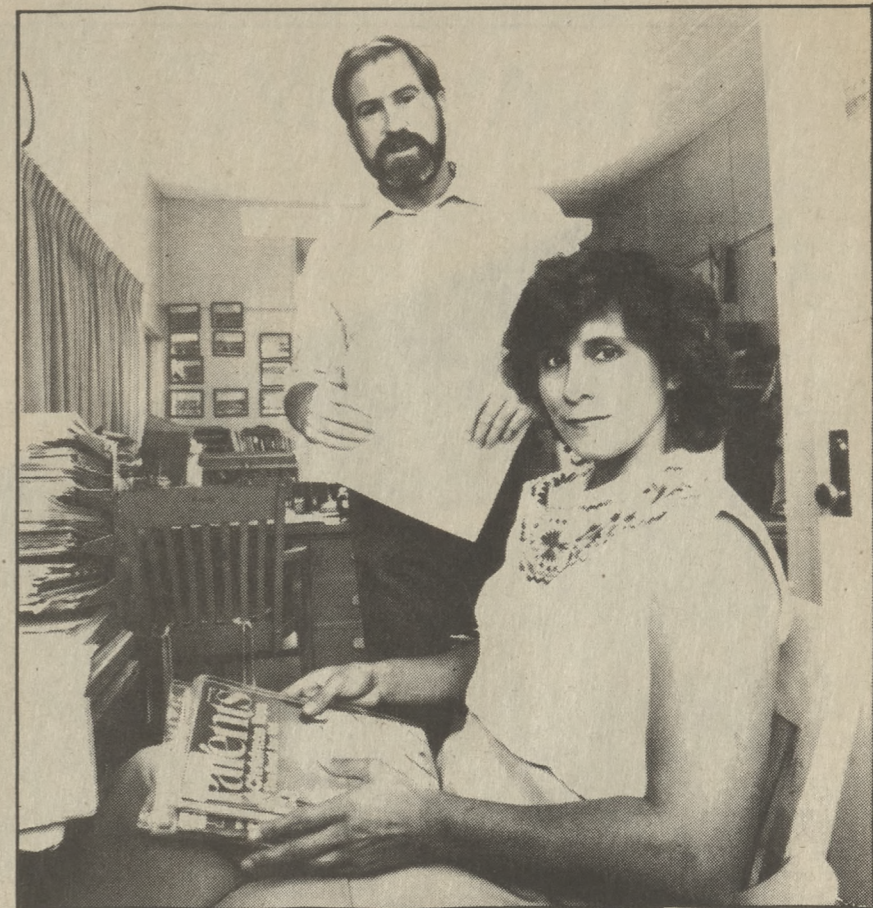
"One needs to look at health education the way a social organizer would," explained Campos.

"People need to learn to utilize

the systems in which they live more efficiently, if they can't be changed," said Campos. "They need to use proper channels to request changes in services and they need to be more informed consumers."

In our country, Campos would like people to "open their eyes to see the disparity in the world between the rich and the poor."

She encourages them to travel around and look for ways they can help less fortunate people. Her teaching assignment at Valley provides her the opportunity to stretch people's minds, to help them to really appreciate the blessings of their own health, and also to understand how social systems are great controllers of health conditions in the world.



TEACHER, TEACHER—Ramona Campos prepares for her first teaching assignment under the auspices of Lou Albert, associate professor of Health Education.

## Petition . . .

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now expected to subsidize by paying to park on campus) are a double bump on that boil."

Boston is concerned that the petitions will not be accepted with the seriousness intended.

"I don't know if the trustees are taking this seriously," he stated. "All I know is that they have not listened before. When I've talked to them before, they've always defended what they were doing."

Sentiment on campus among the faculty remains entirely sympathetic if not totally demonstrable, according to Boston.

"The response has been, 'It's about time we've done this...it should have been done years ago,'" said Boston. "There have been no objections, only people who do not wish to sign (the petition)."

Boston blames the fear of retribution by district administrators on faculty who voice their discontent and

the perennial belief that teachers "are the system" as justification for not signing the protest.

"Teachers are not the kind of people to sign something like this," said Boston. "They don't disturb things or ask questions."

Independent but similar to the letter sent by Valley instructors is a petition currently circulated by Los Angeles City College, Trade-Tech and Pierce College, demanding the removal of the chancellor and restructuring of the district administration, according to Boston.

"The people who have signed it are either unafraid or are just so fed up they don't care," explained Boston.

"I have no expectations of what the board might do. If additional people want to sign it, we'll send more letters."

As of last Tuesday, no extra copies of the petition letter could be found in the school's mailroom.

## Athletic coaches fight layoffs

By SAL SCIORTINO, City Editor

About 40 athletic coaches and physical education instructors addressed the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Board of Trustees at their meeting last Wednesday. Over and over, the same argument was put before the trustees: athletics boost enrollment.

The complaints were aimed at an Oct. 7 directive issued by the district which stipulated that "All head coaches of athletic teams must be regular full-time employees."

According to George Goff, athletic director at Valley, there are 16 part-time coaches whose positions are affected by the directive. Two of them are coaches at Valley.

Scott Muckey, head baseball coach at Valley, told the board that 45 baseball players brought \$93,000 into the district last year.

"Athletics," Muckey said, "bring in lots and lots of money."

Muckey said that there are 47 baseball players enrolled at Valley this year. He also criticized the timing of the directive.

"We've done three-quarters of the work already," he said.

Muckey is paid to coach the team from February through June. The

team practices held since then are hours for which Muckey is not paid.

"They should have let us know last June," he said.

Karen Honey, the women's softball coach, also predicted a loss of revenue if her position is cancelled.

"If I don't coach, they (the players) might not go to school."

Honey told the board that softball players brought \$37,000 into the district last year.

"They were here because I recruited them," she said.

Goff, who also addressed the board, proposed to the trustees that Muckey and Honey, along with other part-time coaches, be reclassified so as not to interfere with the new directive. A "teacher of record" could be assigned to the athletic team, the district could collect its money for teaching the class, and the coaches could finish the season at their present salary.

Since the meeting, Goff and athletic directors from other campuses have formally outlined Goff's proposal. A copy will be presented to the district office this week, he said, and he expects a reply next week.

Goff said that no other teachers

at Valley know enough about baseball to coach the team.

"Every teacher has their own area of expertise," he said.

Hal Fox, president of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) called the Oct. 7 directive a "change in policy" and "a violation of the present contract."

Formal grievances have been filed with the district, he said.

According to the teaching contract, Fox said, teachers may accept or reject coaching assignments.

"If you feel you are doing something to save a program," Fox said, "you are not doing it voluntarily."

Norm Schneider, spokesman for the LACCD, said that all hourly-rate instructors must be laid off before the district can "move forward and issue March 15 letters" to full-time faculty.

State law requires that full-time instructors be notified by March 15 whether they may be laid off the following fall semester.

"There is an over-abundance of faculty in certain disciplines," Schneider said, "and P.E. (physical education) is one of them."



DEAR DUKE—LAVC students add their signatures to the long list. They are among the 1,500 who scribbled notes to the governor, and the 8,000 who signed normal-sized petitions in classrooms. Two ASU officers will deliver the petitions to Deukmejian tomorrow morning.

JESUS CARLOS / Valley Star

## Survival Day . . .

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that the students come the next day.

"It's good to let the governor know that people care," Kaplan said. "We want to find out where the officials at the state level are coming from."

Tullo said that he has called each department on campus to see how budget cuts have affected them.

"We're doing our homework before we go to Sacramento," he said.

In reference to the tone of the trip, Tullo said, "We're going as open-minded student leaders. We're not going to be radical."

He added that any students who have not done so, may sign the petition today in CC 102.

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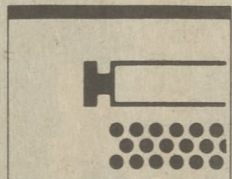
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## That little old shack by the railroad track



The place is *George's* diner. It is a small brick building wedged between Valley College and the railroad crossing at Burbank and Fulton. The first name of the owner, George Kellel, is proudly displayed on signs attached all over the building.

Inside, a Valley College student has just finished scrounging up enough money after finding his pockets empty. He pays for his chili-burger, but only after George reassures him, "I would have given it to you anyway."

This is what *George's* is all about. A sort of "hold-out" in the Valley, which is becoming increasingly urbanized. There is a "small town" atmosphere here. Most everybody there knows George on a first-name basis and many of the customers know each other.

"Hey George, Are you rich yet?" shouts a voice from a group of "teeny-boppers" from nearby Grant High School. George smiles,

"Jeez, don't you ever stop? Now go away." But, there's nothing like the persistence of youth. "Tell us when you're rich, George," taunts another one, beaming a smile full of rubberbands and metal.

But George seems quite content running his little diner, being surrounded by friends.

"I make just enough here to go on," says George. "My prices are low. I keep them that way because of the college."

George considers his breakfasts and sandwiches his best meals. But, there are other dishes offered on some of the many signs inside: "GEORGE BURNS BURGER—Try this one even if you detest cigars" or "LUNCHEON of the STARS with Med. Drink."

Three days a week, the Southern Pacific Railroad thunders by the diner. "My customers get a big kick out of the train coming by in the morning, and some of them get a little scared," said George, "but it doesn't bother me."

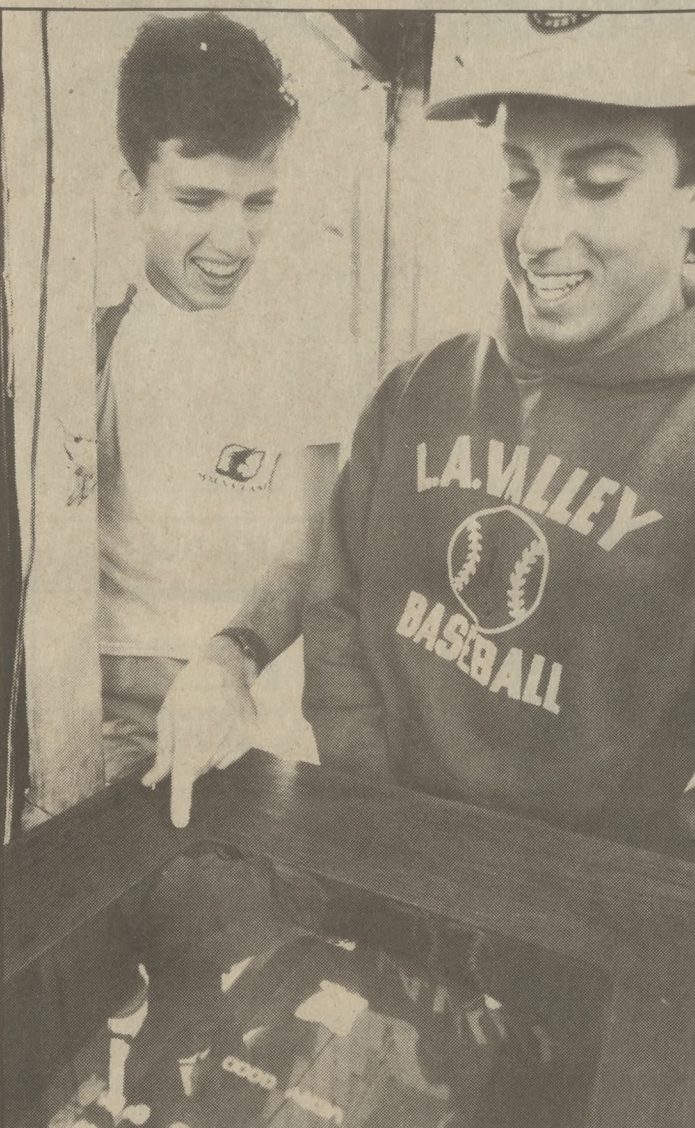


George Kellel, the owner, takes a coffee break.



A cup of coffee, the morning paper, and a fly swatter—the ingredients for an enjoyable afternoon at

George's. Bob Sinclair has been a customer of George's since it opened nearly 15 years ago.

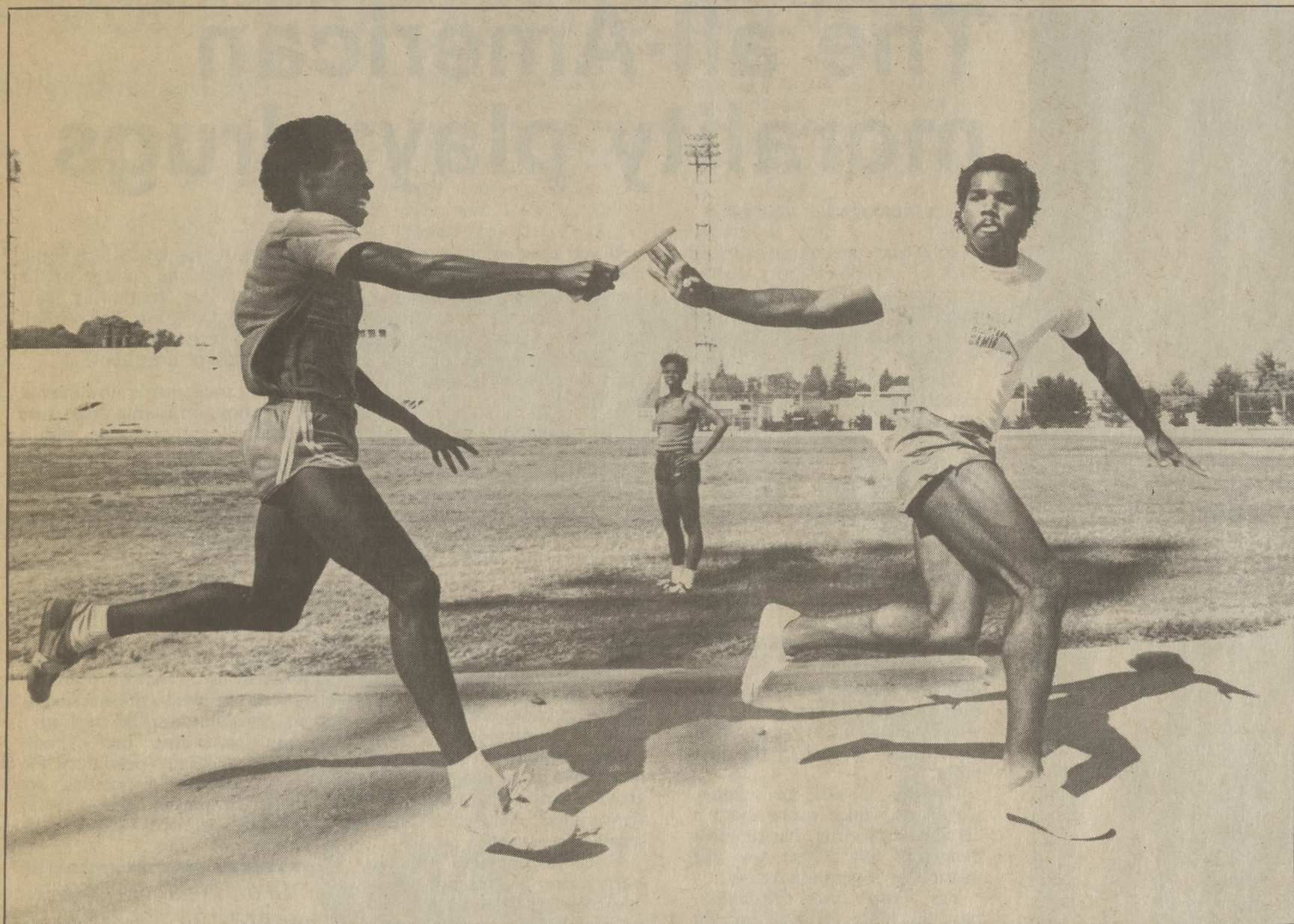


Quinn Gregory (left) and Dan "The Man" Silvera, both members of Valley's baseball team, indulge in a video game. George's is a favorite hangout for many ball players.



George's "Number One," Marina Arriaga, presents a platter full of food to a hungry student. Marina has been George's assistant for almost five years.

Photography and Text  
by LARRY TYNAN



HERE, YOU TAKE IT!—Valley's relay team executes the move during a practice session before last Friday's meet at Mount San Antonio College. The track team

finished first in the Mountain Valley Conference last year.

JOHN KRILL / Valley Star

## Valley ASU sponsors student workers

By STEPHANIE A. STASSEL, Entertainment Editor

The Learning and Job Placement Centers certainly have something to smile about.

Tuesday at their weekly meeting, the Associated Student Union (ASU) stamped its seal of approval on funds to hire a student worker six hours per week in each of the facilities until the end of next semester.

With the student worker pay rate being \$4.05 per hour, the weekly salary for each job totals \$24.30, equaling \$725 for each student worker.

The grand total of the funds given by ASU was \$1,450.

ASU pulled the money for the Learning Center from three sources: \$325 from the cultural activities account; \$200 from the student affairs account; and \$200 from ASU's executive council.

The money for the Job Placement student worker resulted from a vacancy in the position of commissioner of women's concerns.

Since there is no commissioner this semester, \$425 was pulled from the account and the remaining \$300 came from the office of student af-

fairs' student worker account.

The directors of both centers were relieved to learn of ASU's contribution since they have been struggling to maintain quality student service with their decreased staff.

"I think it's terrific," said Richard Holdredge, consulting instructor to the Learning Center.

Weekly staffing by two student workers totals 40 hours. A college work study student is funded for 20 hours a week, and three instructors work a total of 36 hours weekly.

Holdredge said the student worker funded by ASU will help greatly. The person will take requests from the students for learning materials and assist them in working the equipment.

"This will allow the instructors to help the students with learning," he said.

Although the additional six student worker hours will be welcome, Holdredge would like to increase the current student worker hours from 46 to 72. This would allow a staff of two student workers for every hour the center is open.

Presently, there are about five to

six hours when Holdredge is in the center alone. If any equipment needs maintenance or if a problem arises, it may have to wait until another employee arrives.

The amount of student worker funding Holdredge received from the district is much less than he requested.

"The students don't get the kind of attention they should get," he said.

Holdredge is currently looking for an ASU member to fill the student worker position.

The student worker will be employed from 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday. Anyone who is interested should first go to the Job Placement Center.

The Learning Center is located in the lower level of Monarch Hall in CC1.

It is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesday through Thursday nights from 6 to 8.

The other recipient of ASU funds, the Job Placement Center, will also make good use of the student worker hours.

"It's fantastic," said Dr. Lynn Lomen, director of the center. "It will allow us to get on with Co-Op Education!"

The center serves students who are working in the business world in their major, earning transferrable units.

Each week, Lomen must meet with employers to discuss the students' progress and their learning objectives.

With the additional six hours from a student worker, Lomen said he would be able to get his work done more easily.

The Job Placement Center student worker will take phone calls from employers and type job orders.

The task of filing the student worker position will be handled by Lomen himself.

The Job Placement Center is located next to the cafeteria, in Monarch Hall.

Its hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon; 1 to 4 p.m., and Friday 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

## News Notes

### AIDS LECTURE

Valley's Lesbian and Gay Student Alliance has invited a representative from AIDS Project Los Angeles to speak about the deadly and often misunderstood disease.

Everyone is invited to attend the lecture tonight at 7 p.m. in CC 200A.

### WEIGHT ROOM OPEN

Valley's Community Services will open the campus weight room for public use every Tuesday and Thursday night from 7 to 9 p.m. under the supervision of coach Dave Buchanan. A fee of \$2 per night is charged.

### MUSIC RECITAL

Classical guitarist Jack Saunders will perform in the Music Recital Hall today at 11 a.m.

### PROJECT ACCESS TEST

Students interested in an associate in arts degree under the new plan must take the Project Access test or take a math class. The test will be given Tuesday, Oct. 8 in Humanities 103 at 1 p.m.

### A PSYCHOLOGICAL SERIES

Each Thursday in October, Henrietta Sparks, professor of counseling, will hold a discussion in Campus Center 104 from 11 a.m. until noon.

Today's topic is "How to Handle School Fears and Anxieties."

The Psychological Series is sponsored by The Office of Student Affairs and the ASU.

### PLANETARIUM SHOW

"The Autumn Night Sky and Comet Halley Update" opens the fall series of shows at the Valley Planetarium on Friday, Oct. 25, at 8 and 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children, who must be at least eight years old to attend. Tickets may be purchased at the Community Services Office in the Field House on Ethel Ave.

### ANTI-APARTHEID PETITION

The Black Student Union in conjunction with the commissioners of Black Ethnic Studies, Jewish Ethnic Studies, Chicano Ethnic Studies, Social Activities, and the ASU Senate are conducting a petition drive against Apartheid in South Africa.

All interested students may sign the petition in the Foreign Language Building between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 24, and Friday, Oct. 25.

### AERIAL WORLD VIEW

A lecture and slide show featuring photographs shot from a light airplane will take place on campus next Thursday at 11 a.m. in MS 109.

Entitled "An Air View Exploration of the World," the lecture will be given by Richard Raskoff, associate professor of history and will feature aerial photos from all over the world.

### DAVE DIXON MEMORIAL FUND

A memorial fund has been established for Dave Dixon, Prof. of Biology, who passed away on Aug. 19, 1985. The fund will be used to place a memorial bench in the Valley College campus English Oak Grove.

Checks may be made out to LAVC and given to Bill Krauss, Chairman of the Biology Dept., or placed in his mailbox.

### YULETIDE FEAST

The Los Angeles Valley College Music Department and Choral Council Club will present the Annual Elizabethan Yuletide Feast on Thursday, Dec. 5 and Friday, Dec. 6, 1985.

Festivities begin at 7 p.m., doors open 6:15 p.m.

Reserve seat tickets sell for \$18 each. A total of 150 seats are available for each performance. You may contact the Music Dept. for further details.

### LEARNING CENTER

The center has new evening hours as follows: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The center is located in the Campus Center, lower level, room CC-1.

A college counselor is available daily. Contact Ralph Lazo at extension 408.

VEA (Vocational Education Act) tutoring is a federally-funded program for students enrolled in qualifying vocational/occupational programs. You may contact Dr. Robert Scott at extension 407.

The EOP&S (Extended Opportunity Programs and Services) tutoring program has moved to Cafeteria 100.

### RTD COMMUNITY RELATIONS MEETING

RTD is setting up a community relations monthly meeting and our campus representative will be Scott C. Reuman at DSP&S (Disabled Student Programs & Services). If you have any gripes or ideas about the local service RTD service, you may contact Reuman at extension 264.

### STUDENTS FOR SOCIAL ACTION

The Students for Social Action will meet Tuesdays, 11 a.m., in room 212, Campus Center.

## Scandal . . .

(Continued from page 1)

"I am frustrated and furious with Ulibarri," said Baca. "If the checks are not in my mailbox by Saturday, I will take legal steps to get them."

"We are dealing with the situation to the best of our ability," added Baca.

Detective Sergeant Nicholas Delmese of the L.A. County Sheriff's Department confirmed that Baca had submitted some evidence, but that he needed "... records and more information. What was shown to me was insufficient for charges to be made."

Although he declined to talk about the details of the case, Delmese explained possible ways the

case could be resolved. He said one possibility was that the money would be repaid and no charges would be filed.

That possibility was ruled out by a vote taken of all Region 7 member student government organizations prior to the decision to prosecute. Most of the schools voted for prosecution.

Delmese said other possible actions included charges of grand theft, a felony; embezzlement, a misdemeanor or a felony; or simple misdemeanor theft.

"The district attorney will ultimately decide," said Delmese. "We will go to the D.A. with the evidence when we get it."



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# The all-American morality play: drugs

By TERRY OLWELL, View Editor

If I hear one more overpaid jock or pseudo-celebrity do the "reformed sinner" number about drugs, I'm going to puke—metaphorically speaking, of course.

These self-serving testimonials usually run something like this: "I've been a slave to drugs for years. My marriage, my career, my Porsche . . . all gone. All because of drugs."

*"The uncomfortable truth is that Americans love drugs."*

Of course, with the threat of possible criminal charges hanging over one's head, I can understand why such mealy-mouthed nonsense is uttered in the first place.

I think it was Dr. Sidney Cohen who once wrote about a certain illegal drug that its most dangerous side effect was the possibility of getting arrested.

Yes, I know drugs are dangerous. But since this column will make me appear to be a raving doper in the eyes of many people—let me make it official.

I think drugs can be wonderful. Now that I've got that out of my system, you can alert the thought police.

I know that some people in our society will abuse anything they can get their sweaty little mitts on. These people wouldn't be safe being left alone with anything more potent than orange juice.

But somewhere along the line I've been corrupted with dangerous notions of individual liberty and some subversive doggerel about "... life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

The uncomfortable truth is that Americans love drugs. An outrageous statement? Maybe.

If you are one of the minority that does not use coffee, tea, booze, aspirin, tobacco, marijuana, cocaine, tranquilizers, sedatives, uppers, cold remedies, diet pills and a whole plethora of stuff I can't even spell—that's just fine.

Congratulations, you must be doing something right. Either that or you are recently deceased.

But before you polish your halo, perhaps you should consider the fact that your body is manufacturing drugs (such as adrenaline) all the time. Gee, maybe you're on something and you don't even know it. A little *Twilight Zone* music please.

The point is that the vote is in. Our actions render the drug-related pronouncements of our political leaders into a hypocritical charade, infested with fear and loathing and powered by greed wearing the vestment of righteousness. Whew! I think I sprained a neuron.

Video afterimages of law-enforcement commandos springing from just-landed helicopters, catching a field of marijuana by surprise. All right you plants, come out with your buds in the air.

Gee, isn't it wonderful—your tax money in action. I know I'll sleep better tonight.

Unless some wacko sticks a gun in my face or a knife in my ribs and I start wondering just what law enforcement priorities I do want to pay for.

Now things would really be ironic if the wacko was, oh, say a heroin addict.

Now, he can't afford to satisfy his habit the way I satisfy mine. I go to the market and buy a six pack of beer for less than three dollars.

Why does his habit cost so much more than mine? Because his habit is *illegal*. It is illegal

because of drug laws which began in 1914 with the passage of the Harrison Act (outlawing narcotics) by Congress. This was all intended to *protect* society from the menace of drug abuse.

Is our society safer now than in 1913? Boy, outlawing drugs sure solved all our problems, didn't it?

Do I really have to do a disclaimer about being against children having access to drugs, that the availability of addictive drugs should be restricted, and that substance abuse of any kind is a serious problem? Well, I guess I just did.

The point is that the "drug" problem is a human problem, and the criminal justice system is not the solution to the problem.

By pretending that "bad" drugs and "bad" people are the source of our difficulties, we create an illusion that has no solution—precisely because it is an illusion.

*"In an ideal world there would be no drug use—and no pain, human suffering, or injustice."*

When you consider that we human beings seem to abuse *everything* in our environment, an absolute solution to substance abuse will probably *never* be found.

Creating an ever increasing class of user-criminals burdens our police, courts, and prisons, while paradoxically producing immense profits for many genuine criminals.

In an ideal world there would be no drug use—and no pain, human suffering, or injustice. Facing up to the truth is not easy, but we should begin to try.

# Freedom, aggression: a delicate balance

By LISA COLLINS, Staff Writer

Where is the line to be drawn between defensive aggression and destructiveness?

Defensive aggression is a response to any kind of threat to one's vital interests. Destructiveness is one reaction to intense and unjustified suffering *after* the damage has been done (when it is no longer defensive). It is often of a much greater intensity and is usually insatiable.

Another way of characterizing this distinction is immediate justice vs. revenge.

Some people have been in horrifying situations where the sadism of one person has caused them intense pain and suffering.

For example, a woman was brutally raped by a man whom she recognized. Her anger and torment created a desire to kill him.

This feeling was justified only at the time of the rape, when it was still defensive aggression.

After the rape, when the *direct* threat was gone, the woman sought legal action to prevent this man from doing it again.

The woman later learned that this man was involved with other incidents of rape and two of those rapes resulted in deaths. Her testimony became a vital part of the trial and she was notified that he could possibly be sentenced to death.

This woman felt an even stronger need to give her testimony. She thought that she had control over this man through the legal system.

This is where her purely defensive aggression became destructive. She began to rationalize her actions by claiming that he deserved to die, and she was saving other women from suffering the same fate.

The woman had every right to be furious over what had happened to her. It is biologically rational and a part of normal human functioning to defend oneself and to even want the rapist punished.

This intense situation deceived her into forgetting that destruction of life is always destruction, even when it is instinctive (self defense).

Justice is a matter of one's religious, moral, or political beliefs.

But it seems that once a person takes the step of reversing the situation of control, he or she is very likely to become sadistic.

Naturally, any crime such as rape should be reported to the police and brought to trial, but by allowing herself to fall into the trap of hatred and revenge, this person became just as wrong as the person who committed the original crime.

The assumption of control in this case was done by the legal system. However, it is no less wrong than if she simply did not report the crime, and had gone after him herself.

Both types of revenge are wrong because she renewed the very situation which she sought to abolish. The only difference is that she chose the legal route, which seemed more acceptable to her.

It was rationalized to a point where she could detach personal, human emotions to such a degree that they hardly seemed to exist in her conscious mind. It became an intellectual decision.

When normal, rational, defensive aggression accelerates into destructiveness, it is no longer a human situation. It has become an abstract confrontation.



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# Monarchs' sports shorts

## Valley crushes Corps

The Marines could have used a few more good men last Saturday night in their 44-6 loss to Valley College.

Comprised of Marine Corps personnel stationed at the Tustin helicopter base, the team is called the "Red Hill Gang." The game was scheduled two weeks ago to fill the bye in the Monarchs' schedule created by Los Angeles City College dropping its football program.

"They are the best of the four Marine Corps teams in the area," said Valley Head Coach Chuck Ferrero.

The Monarch defense held the Red Hill Gang to only 106 yards of total offense. Valley linebacker Clark Watson, who had one of three Monarch interceptions, was named defensive player of the game.

Ferrero continued to use the run as his prime offensive weapon. The Monarchs collected 287 yards on 62 rushes. Leading Valley's ground attack was Allan Rouse with 129 yards on 25 carries.

The Monarchs' threw only 13 times, completing seven for 42 yards.

Tight end Jeff Sampson was named offensive player of the game, as he led Valley's receivers with 16 yards on two receptions.

The win improves Valley's record to four wins and one loss on the year.

The Monarchs return to league competition Saturday night as they travel to East Los Angeles College. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

## Women win tourney

The closest competition that Kim Stewart and Gretchen Lohr will face this year may be each other.

After finishing second to Lohr in the past four cross country meets, Stewart finally defeated Lohr on the hilly course at Mount San Antonio College (Mt. SAC).

Stewart's time on the three-mile route was 17:26.6, while Lohr finished second at 17:29.7.

Led by Stewart and Lohr's one-two finish, the women's

team took first in the upper division of the Mt. SAC Invitational.

Monarch Sandra Martinez finished fourth with a time of 18:17.8 to give Valley three of the top ten finishes.

Seventeen California junior colleges as well as two from Arizona took part in the Invitational.

Donna DiMaggio (20:20.7), Maureen Doderlein (20:32.9), Donna Jackson (20:47.3), and Kathy Smith (21:49.1) rounded out the Monarchs' scoring finishing 21st, 29th, 34th, and 54th, respectively.

Tiffany Lobes, running in the novice division, placed fourth with a time of 22:55.2.

In addition to taking first place in their division, the women also took first in the sweepstakes competition. This competition is scored on the total number of runners who finish and the place they finish in.

"The girls are running great," said coach Bernie Christian. "They are getting everything they

deserve from the competition."

The men's squad finished last in the competition. Reggie Dechard was Valley's top finisher with a 27th place time of 21:17.8 on the four mile men's course.

Despite their poor finish, coach Christian was quick to point out that the men have shown great improvement over the beginning of the season.

"They have really come along. I am expecting good performances from them in the upcoming races," said Christian.

Both squads will have one week off prior to the Nov. 1 conference championships at College of the Canyons.

## McKinney returns

Former Valley College defensive back Odie McKinney completed yet another leg in his journey back and forth to the Los Angeles Raiders.

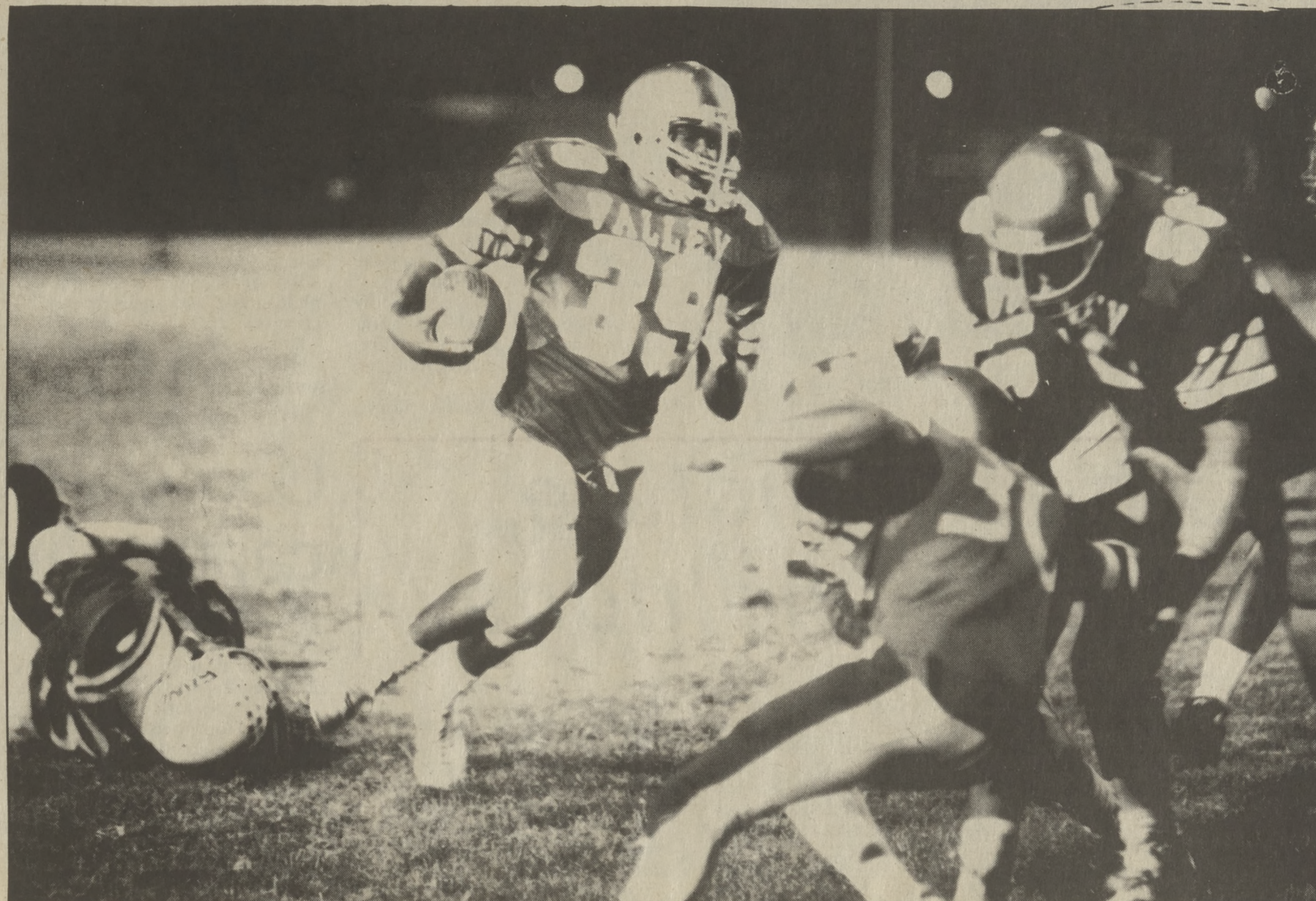
McKinney, who was featured in the Oct. 10 issue of the *Star*, was released by the Raiders prior to the opening of this NFL season.

McKinney had spent five years with the Raiders. He was acquired by the Raiders in 1980 through a trade with the New York Giants.

After being dropped, he was quickly picked up by the Kansas City Chiefs, where he saw action in the team's first five games. Three days after the fifth game, a 19-9 loss to the Raiders, McKinney was waived by the Chiefs. No reason was released.

The Raiders reacquired him this past week.

McKinney once again donned the silver and black uniform in last week's Raiders' 21-20 victory over the Cleveland Browns.



A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS—Monarch tailback Kevin Davis picks up blocks from fullback Calvin Register and offensive lineman Rusty McCormick

against the "Red Hill Gang," a Marine Corps team from Tustin. Valley had little trouble running on the Marines, totaling 287 yards rushing in route to a 44-6 win.



Sports rap By STEVE FOUNTAIN

## World Series '85: who cares?

Who cares?

The Kansas City Royals against the St. Louis Cardinals.

This has to be the most boring series of baseball games since the Pittsburgh Pirates battled the Cleveland Indians during the pre-season.

A World Series centered in Missouri. What is next, the Nobel Prizes being handed out in Peoria?

I thought for sure that Peter Ueberroth would have taken some sort action to prevent these two teams from meeting.

Perhaps he should have let the umpires strike.

dirt highway whenever I hear "Missouri" and "freeway series" used in the same sentence.

Yes, I see ma, pa, and all the litt'uns loaded into the back of the truck. And, of course, they are sitting on bails of hay.

And where are the big-name players?

Will Buddy Biancalana become the new Mr. October?

Can you actually name one Royal relief pitcher?

If this series had a team like the Dodgers or Yankees, I could have named every right-handed and left-handed reliever, pinch hitter, and batboy.

## Will Buddy Biancalana become the new Mr. October?

He could have ruled the play of the Royals as not in the best interest of baseball and banned them from post season play.

Let us face it, what is a World Series without the Dodgers or Yankees in it?

Even Toronto would have been an improvement. At least the Bluejays would have brought a part of the rest of the world into the series.

Instead of a Dodger and Angel freeway series, we get the Cards and Royals in an I-70 series.

This is probably an unfair statement, but I envision old Ford and Chevy pickups bumper to bumper down a two lane wide

A dangerous trend has started in baseball.

Two seasons ago we slept through the Philadelphia Phillies vs. the Baltimore Orioles. A ray of hope broke through last season as the two best teams in baseball, the Detroit Tigers and San Diego Padres, met in the final series.

But 1985 brought back the sleeper format.

Hopefully this will be the last dull series baseball fans will have to tolerate.

Maybe things would be better with more Lite beer commercials?

# Wilson makes best of worst

By STEVE FOUNTAIN, Sports Editor

Situations that at first seem to be a setback can often reap benefits down the line.

Such is the case of former Valley linebacker Paul Wilson.

Wilson, an All-City player in high school, was recruited out of neighboring Grant High by Valley coaches Chuck Ferrero and Mike Capreoli in 1983.

Wilson played two seasons at outside linebacker for the Monarchs, establishing himself as an aggressive and hard-hitting defensive talent.

Upon the completion of the 1984 season, Wilson was offered a full athletic scholarship to Moorhead University in Kentucky.

He accepted the offer and spent the spring 1985 semester collecting the final units he was instructed to complete for transfer.

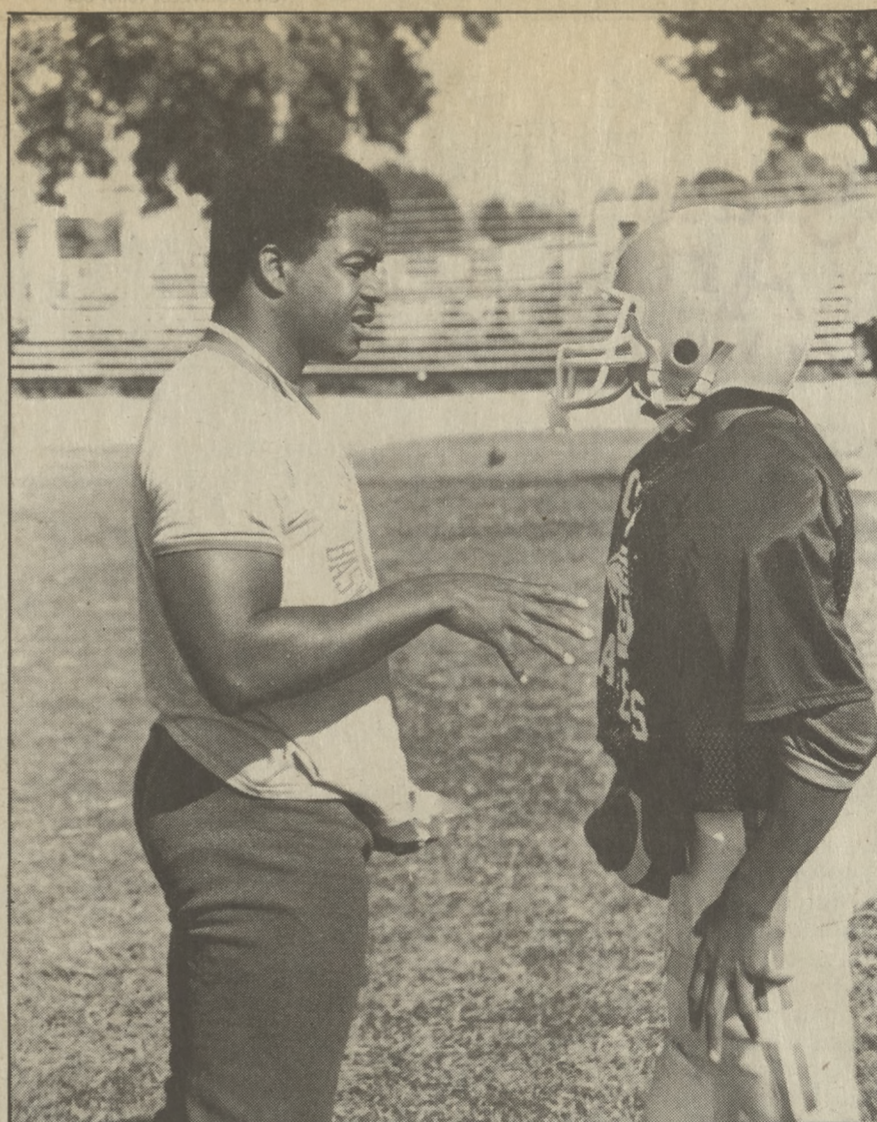
"I was taking classes here (at Valley) plus one at Mission College," said Wilson. "I had less than 30 minutes to commute from here to there. I sped a lot, I never got a ticket, but I did blow out a tire twice."

Wilson went off to Kentucky to begin workouts with his new team. Unfortunately, for Wilson, his workouts ended abruptly.

A victim of a misunderstanding between officials at Moorhead and counselors at Valley, the classes Wilson took did not qualify him for transfer.

Wilson returned to Van Nuys, dejected, to make up the courses he needed. Moorhead left the scholarship open for Wilson.

"The whole experience was a disappointment," said Wilson. "I



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TEACHING THE TRADE—Former Valley linebacker Paul Wilson instructs a

player at Grant High School. Wilson is completing his transfer units at Valley.

was really getting into the team. Then, I found out during the second day of hitting that I couldn't play this season. It was a letdown."

Upon his return to Valley, Wilson met up with his former Varsity

coach at Grant, Tom Lucero.

Wilson found out that Lucero was now coaching the "B" team by himself. Wilson offered to help out.

"Coaching has shown me what coaches appreciate from their

players," said Wilson. "I feel this season will help me out."

"Don't get me wrong, I would rather be playing now, but working with these kids has given me another perspective on football."

Wilson will have the choice of transferring as an Administration of Justice of Physical Education major.

"I already have an offer from the County Marshal's office," said Wilson. "I may go into law enforcement after college."

"I was fortunate to play at Valley—a lot of colleges saw me. The guys that played at Valley were great."

Barring any further complications, Wilson should be back in Kentucky for the spring semester.

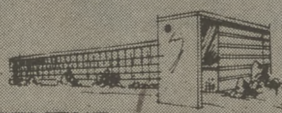
"I will have to try that much harder to earn a starting position," said Wilson. "I am very eager to get back."

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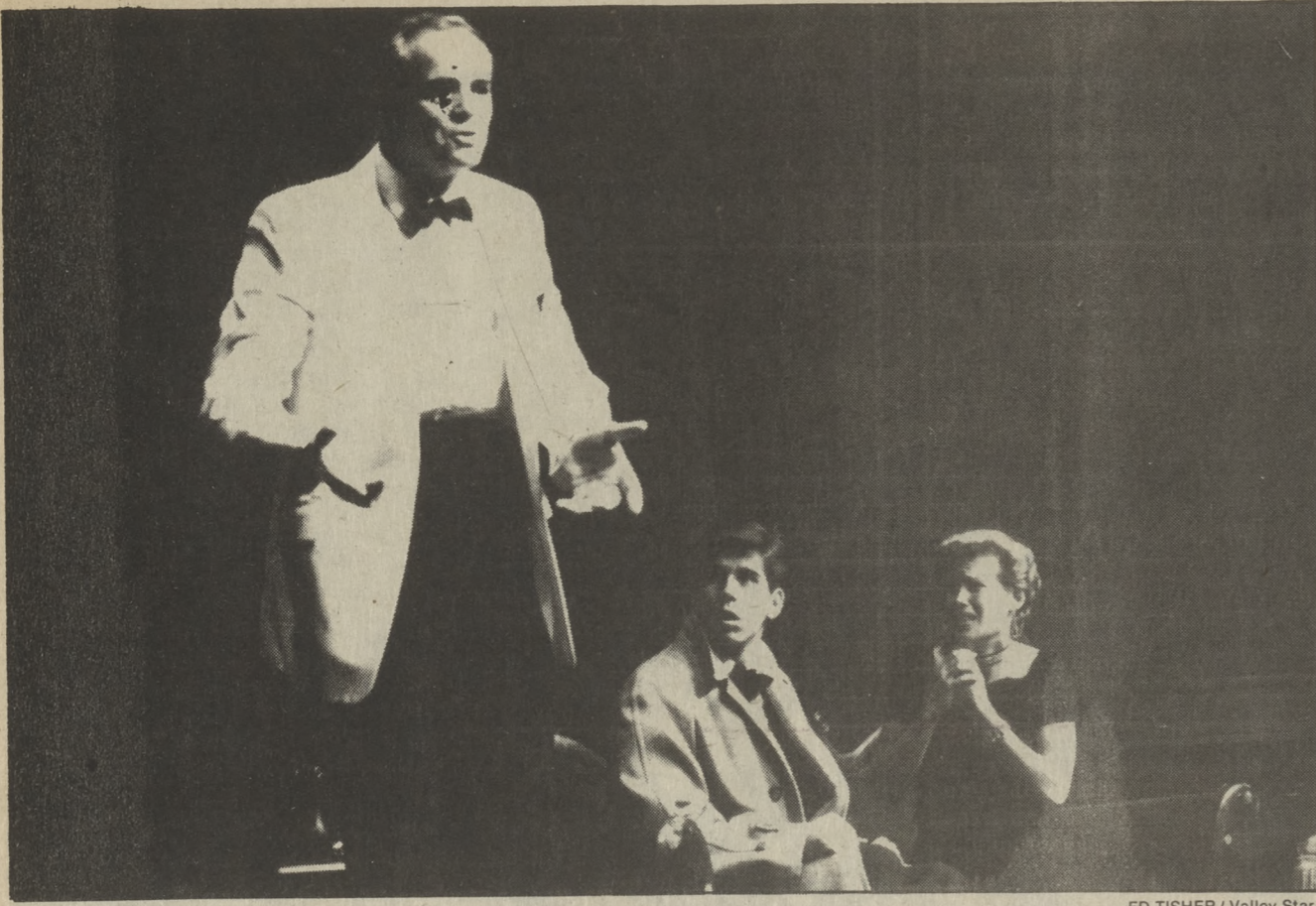
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**TALL TALES**—Sir Charles Jasper (Bill Butts) tells the frightening, futuristic story of his book to Jimmy North (Dana K) and Jasper's wife (Andrea Anderson) in Valley's latest offering, *A Murder Has Been Arranged*. The play opens tonight in the Little Theatre.

## Shaky script causes ghostly tale to fail

By PHYLLIS NEWCOMB, Staff Writer

With Halloween upon us, the theater arts department is presenting the chilling ghost story, *A Murder Has Been Arranged*.

During Monday night's dress rehearsal, *Murder*, much like Valley's last play *LUV*, just didn't make it as a first-rate play.

While most of the actors were excellent, the script left a lot to be desired.

Too many things were left unexplained by the playwright, Emyln Williams.

For example, Williams staged the entire play in London's St. James Theatre. It seemed as though the characters actually lived there.

The cook, Mrs. Wagg, played by Eunice Boehm, was brilliant. Forging an English accent, Boehm frequently displayed sincere emotional outbursts.

Bill Butts, as Sir Charles Jasper,

gave an entertaining performance, in spite of the confusing plot.

Jasper seemed real. When most of the actors were "acting," Butts seemed very smooth in his mannerisms.

Angela Anderson was splendid as Jasper's wife. She left the audience with a feeling of true pathos.

Although Barton Smith, as Maurice Mullens, was excellent, his character was not properly developed.

When Mullens first entered the stage in Act II, he introduced himself as a journalist. No one knew him.

But, by the end of the second act, miraculously, everyone knew him as Jasper's relative.

Dana K was disappointing in the role of Jimmy North, who impersonated a reporter quite unconvincingly.

The mute woman, played by Brannon Walker, was excellent, although her character was also confusing to the audience.

During one of his speeches, the character Jasper mentioned a mute woman in his book on black magic.

She appeared on stage so suddenly that the audience failed to make the connection to the book reference.

The rest of the cast included: Meg Seyfarth, as Jasper's secretary; Alexis Stevenson, as Beatrice's mother; and Phil McNamara, as the orchestra conductor.

Guest director, Michael Fox, displayed professional talents in *Murder*.

*A Murder Has Been Arranged* will open tonight at 8:30 in the Little Theatre. Other performances are Oct. 25, 26 and Oct. 31, and Nov. 1 and 2.

## Painting a bright picture, despite dismal conditions

By JULIE BAILEY, Staff Writer

*The supreme misfortune is when theory outstrips performance—Leonardo da Vinci*

*The primary goal of the college is to determine and to meet (the) needs of the students...—excerpt from Goals and Objectives LAVC Catalog.*

Is this goal just a theory, or is it actually being performed? In this series the art, music, and theater arts departments at Valley will be examined closely in an attempt to answer this question as it applies to each specific department.

Part one of this series deals with the art department.

"It's like a tomb," said Kevin Jacobs, art major. "You can hear the wind blowing through the hall (glass) cases."

He lifted his hand and pointed up and down the empty hallways. "I've been here (at Valley) for two and a half years, and this is the worst I've seen it so far," he added.

Trixi Zilinskas, also an art major, agrees. "It's really sad," she said. "Teachers are being wasted." Empty hallways and "wasted teachers." Has the motto "Dedication to Excellence" taken a hollow ring?

Each department on campus has its own specific problems and student needs.

In the art department, supplies, equipment, and class size are of crucial importance.

On May 2, 1985, Henry Klein, the art department chairman at the time, submitted a request for fall supplies and operating materials, as requested by the administration.

It was a long list.

At the beginning of October, five months later and six weeks into the semester, only one item had been delivered.

"This situation is outrageous," Klein said. "We can't operate, and by the time we get the supplies, all the prices quoted to us will have gone up."

Klein points to centralized purchasing as the culprit.

"It may have achieved some cost savings, but it created an incredible

impediment to cash flow," he said.

According to Klein, centralized purchasing has not only stopped some suppliers from accepting a district purchase order because they have to wait too long to get their payment, it has also affected the way in which the teachers respond to class material needs.

Faculty, which was previously able to respond immediately to any classroom need for emergency supplies, can no longer do so.

"We used to be reimbursed in a reasonable amount of time," Klein

beginning painting (Art 300) will be merged with acrylic painting (Art 304, 305, and 306, all advanced classes) next semester.

"The benefits of this move are that a class will remain open and beginning students can see advanced students at work," Reed said. "However, this is not an ideal situation."

Peckman feels that the art department should not be subjected to the same registration rules as other departments.

"The main point is that the ad-

Teachers representative for the art department, believes that the cuts have been too drastic.

"Our enrollment drop is not far off the drop for the college as a whole, and yet the department has had major cuts reflecting a much higher decline than actually exists," Goffredo said.

"My perception of the situation is the administration views the art department, despite the fact that it is listed as an academic subject in the State of California Educational Code, as an adjunct to the overall program that is heavily vocational and appeals only to the hobbyist and dilettante."

This viewpoint is also shared by Klein.

"The fact of the matter is that fine arts are taking it in the neck because their role within the larger scheme of education is not always understood," Klein said.

"They are described as the veneer, the surface of the liberally educated mind."

"I think you'd get some pretty stiff arguments about that from anybody in fine arts. What we do is much more profound and not just simply rest and recreation for the liberally educated."

With all of these apparent problems, one may ask if Valley is still a viable alternative for the art student. Goffredo believes that it is.

"We have better instruction, smaller classes and greater number of class hours as compared to an institution such as UCLA," Goffredo said. "This still remains a place where anyone has the chance to shine."

But with all of the cuts, Klein is optimistic about the future.

"There is no doubt the fine arts program will survive at some level in spite of these problems and that the situation will improve sometime in the future," he said.

For now, students like Zilinskas have only one motivation.

"I stay here because of the instructors that I can work with, not because of the program," she said.

(Next week, staff writer Julie Bailey investigates the current state of Valley's music department.)



said. "That reasonable amount of time has extended to months and some people have lost money because it went through so many channels."

"A whole juggernaut has ground to a halt choking on its own paper and inefficiency," he concluded.

Steve Peckman, a spring graduate from LAVC, now attending Cal State University, Northridge, voiced another concern.

"Where is all the equipment that was bought for the classes that have been cancelled and why don't the students have access to it?"

While supplies are on the decrease, combination classes are on the increase.

Combination classes—different classes merged into one—are viewed as a mixed blessing by students and faculty.

According to Dennis Reed, present art department chairman,

ministration is trying to get the art department to function the same as a computer class, he said.

"It may be okay to have 40 students in a room, but an art class requires a lot of individual attention and overcrowding makes a vast and disastrous difference to the quality of education received."

The fact remains that if a class cannot be combined with another class, it may be cancelled.

Three printmaking (Art 400, Art 407, 408), two etching (Art 401, 402) and two lithography classes (Art 403, 404) have been combined into one class taught two evenings a week by Klein.

If they had not been combined, they could have suffered the same fate that has cut all sculpture and textile design classes from the program.

Professor Samuel P. Goffredo, current American Federation of

By STEPHANIE A. STASSEL, Entertainment Editor

## Compelling one-acts capture life on bayou

Life on the bayou of Louisiana is admirably captured in the Whitefire Theatre's latest offering, *Scorchers*.

The performance is actually two separate one-act plays, each with a different story, tone, and cast members.

*Bayou La Teche* is the first play, depicting the reluctance of a naive, sheltered girl to consummate her marriage on her wedding night.

Summer Thomas plays Splendid, the girl afraid that she will not live through the night.

The play opens suddenly with Splendid struggling to keep the groom, Dolan (Sam Jones) and her Cajun father, Jumper (Leland Cooke), out of her bedroom.

After they are in, the characters go around in circles, trying to explain, understand, and solve the problem.

It is soon learned that the issue stems from Splendid's mother dying when she gave birth to her daughter 20 years ago.

Her fear is so pronounced that the audience is able to comprehend why she is so frightened.

The rest of the play is predictable, but still amusing.

The costumes were liberal, especially Splendid's skimpy negligee.

Crooke gave a believable performance of a well-developed character. His Louisiana accent added to the portrayal, giving it needed depth.

Unfortunately, the characters portrayed by Thomas and Jones were stereotyped.

Thomas' screams were exactly what you'd expect from a young girl unable to make her own decisions and forget the past.

Jones only had one thing on his mind. Only a couple of times did he show subtle compassion.

Perhaps their stereotypical characters result from the writer and director being one in the same. In a Tennessee Williams style, David Baird presented both plays in an authentic manner, but relied too

strongly on the typical image to convey the message.

*Thais*, the second one-act play, set in the local bar, features the lives and loves of the town prostitute.

Savannah Smith Boucher gives a magnificent performance as the brazen whore.

She's seen it all, and it shows.

The story is about the preacher's daughter, Talbot (Wendy Matel), learning of *Thais'* "business transactions" with various members of her family.

Talbot and *Thais* get into a frank discussion about sex that gets embarrassing at times.

The differences between the women epitomizes opposite extremes: the innocent, the experienced; which is better, which is worse.

The contrast between the two characters is excellent.

Crooke is also in this play, this time portraying a sophisticated loser who trips out on classical music and spends all of his time talking to the bartender, Bear (Bill Cross).

Cross does a good job, portraying the stupid bartender. The conversation between the women often goes over his head.

But the play ends too soon. The two women walk out of the bar, and that is it.

It leaves the audience wanting more plot and development.

*Thais* certainly has the potential to be developed into a longer play, or possibly a movie.

Both one-act plays are compelling, with few flaws. Complete with a small pond and a blue neon crescent moon, the well-designed sets create a bayou-mood reminiscent of Louisiana life, its pains and pleasures.

Because of the language, violence, and suggestive storylines, the play is not recommended for children.

*Scorchers* is playing indefinitely at the Whitefire Theatre, 13500 Ventura Blvd., in Sherman Oaks.

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